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## STRANGE AERIAL PHENOMENA CONTINUES

Since the beginning of May a further 70 reports of unusual sky phenomena have come to C.S.I.'s notice from New Zealand sources. Many of these reports describe in detail the appearance of glowing meteor-like, rocket-like, and bright star-like objects coursing through the night skies, whilst a dozen reports give details of round or spherical black, grey, silver and white objects witnessed during daylight.

There is little doubt that a number of these sightings (we have deleted the obvious cases) were of the rocket carrier of Sputnik III. (prior to its death plunge on December 4th) and others of meteors of above average brilliance. There remain, however, after eliminating all sightings considered of natural phenomena origin, an appreciable number that are hard to explain away as atmospheric, astronomical, optical or mis-identification of birds, balloons, aeroplanes etc.

During the period 13th-16th October, Wellington and Nelson provinces were the scene of a sudden rash of extraordinary meteor-like and rocket-like objects coursing through the skies for three consecutive nights. The "flattish white ball of fire" heading swiftly in a westerly direction at 3.45 p.m. 15th October, reported by Palmerston North people, which was quickly followed by a number of further observations of a like nature in the early evening, drew comment from official sources. A spokesman from nearby Royal New Zealand Air Force base, Ohakea, and weathermen at the station who witnessed the passage of one of the objects, said they believed the objects were meteors. This was dutifully reported by the Press who would never have doubted or cross-questioned the official spokesman even if the official answer had been "a flying kangaroo."

Just after midnight 12th July a brilliant green-orange rocket-like object was sighted by hundreds of per-

sons throughout Canterbury, Otago and Southland. All witnesses agreed on the basic details. The object was huge, rocket-like, predominantly green-orange in colour, and appeared to come to earth after a long, low and slow downward, slanting flight. Some witnesses claim the object was upwards of 40 yards in length, was clearly bullet-shaped and in sight for 30 seconds or more. Newspapers throughout the three provinces carried many stories about the mass sighting. Some papers carried reports about it for three consecutive days. The only comment from sources outside the Press offices came from Mr. A. F. Jones, a well-known amateur astronomer. Mr. Jones believed the object was probably "a very bright meteor." If Mr. Jones had viewed all the reports received by C.S.I. we are sure he would have looked a little beyond his meteor explanation. A number of witnesses noted vivid flashes after the object landed, or made contact with the earth. They thought this occurred in the area known as Toiko Zig-Zag. On the following night orange balls or globes of light were seen coursing around Ashburton and Timaru skies.

It was just after dawn on the 3rd September, in New Plymouth. Hundreds were lined up in a queue to buy tickets for the following Saturday's big Rugby match, Taranaki v. Waikato, at New Plymouth. Then it happened. A light, pulsating regularly from bright to dim, flashed across the clear blue skies. Numerous people in the queue witnessed the passage of the object; it passed almost overhead from the south-west to the north-east and was in sight upwards of three minutes. Mr. T. F. K. Boyle of New Plymouth gave a most detailed report to C.S.I. Mr. Boyle's first impression of the object was of a satellite, but he and others soon decided otherwise because the object appeared too large. It appeared as a black, round object surrounded by a corona of white light which increased

and decreased in intensity at regular intervals.

The brightening occurred at approximately four second intervals to a dazzling intensity, even so the black object in the centre was visible at all times. C.S.I. sincerely thanks the managing editor of the Taranaki Daily News for additional information supplied following our request.

The object was reported also from Wanganui by Mr. H. S. Montgomerie who sighted the object at 6.6 a.m. at 35 degrees from the horizon moving at jet plane speed. The object resembled a pulsating light, reported Mr. Montgomerie, a sheep farmer and veteran of two world wars.

When details of the strange object's appearance were reported to Mr. F. J. Moreshead, director of the New Plymouth Observatory, he could offer no immediate explanation. C.S.I. has enjoyed some friendly exchanges of correspondence with Mr. Moreshead following the observation. Mr. Moreshead has recently retired from directorship after a long service and the observatory is in temporary recess awaiting new staff being especially trained.

C.S.I. also enjoyed a friendly exchange of correspondence with Mr. A. J. Doig, director of the Beverley Begg Observatory in Dunedin, following Mr. Doig's personal observation of "the biggest and brightest meteor I have ever seen." The brilliant phosphorescent green meteor was observed to fall in the western sky at 8.30 p.m. 14th June. Mr. Doig hoped that some traces of the meteor may be found as it appeared to ground not too distant from Dunedin.

Although overseas UFO bulletins detail a continuing flow of interesting and some spectacular observations, indications are that the usual intense activity normally manifest during the close approach (opposition) of Earth and Mars has not occurred on this occasion to date. Unless, and we have every good reason



to suspect, the world news sources are deliberately ignoring or have been especially requested to ignore reports reaching them from the public and other sources.

This organization again repeats its merited speculation that by far the greater number of UFO observations are not reported to any source, mainly because the witnesses fear ridicule. The Press in New Zealand, particularly the big provincial papers, totally ignores most reports and governmental agencies never reveal or make public the briefest of details of UFO sightings reported to them direct from scientists, service and air line pilots, Army and Navy sources and other competent witnesses. That our Air Dept. is sitting tight on a small Pandora box of highly intriguing and illuminating UFO reports we have not the slightest doubt. We honestly feel that in the interests of public entitlement and enlightenment, that these reports should be aired and shared. How about it, gentlemen?

Details of quite a number of overseas observations have reached our headquarters lately; here is a remarkable one that really ought to shake sceptical minds.

### MYSTERY FLYING OBJECT

NEW YORK (A.A.P.) 9/10/58—Private Jerome Scanlon will tell the Defence Department in Washington this week of the mysterious flying object he saw on September 29 while on guard duty at a Maryland Nike missile base.

Scanlon (27) was walking from a sentry box to the barracks at the base when he heard a humming noise above him.

"When I looked up, there was this thing about 100 yards up moving very slowly," he said.

"It was like a jet, mostly green with white trimmings, but no markings of identification."

Scanlon, who said his guard sergeant and several other men at the post also saw the object, said it skittered over the tree tops, broke branches and then landed, sending up a shower of sparks and casting a weird glow over the whole area.

He added: "By the time we got to the landing spot the craft had gone, but broken branches were strewn around and there was a scorched strip on the ground for half a mile."

Scanlon, nearer to the object than his companions, described what he had seen to his Commanding Officer, Captain William Turley.

Now the Defence Department wants him to repeat his story to senior officers.

There are numerous cases on record where these strange machines have been plainly heard to make droning, humming, whistling and other sounds seemingly comparable with noises made by machines generating or dependent on electricity for motion.

Speaking of hummings, brings us to the report received recently from Mr. W. Webb, 5 Seaside Ave., Avondale, Auckland. Mrs. Webb was woken at 3.30 a.m. on 18th November by a loud humming or thrumming sound. The strange noise seemed to originate close by but seemed to be all round her. She searched around the house for the source of the frightening, irritating, vibrational noise but could not locate or pinpoint it. She had looked and pondered now for almost 10 minutes and was wondering what to do next when suddenly the surrounds of her home lit up like day and dashing over to a side window she was just in time to see a large, brilliant, circular object moving quickly away from above her home.

The object, bathed in a dazzling golden light, had a dome on top and a large diameter, flattened, circular base. Its shape, however, was not easy to define through the brilliant light. The object was only in sight for a few seconds as it sped away at a low altitude to disappear over a neighbour's house and out over the Auckland Harbour.

Already somewhat unnerved by the strange humming sound, which ceased as the brilliant object flew off, Mrs. Webb told C.S.I. Director that she made to cry out with fright on seeing the object, but at that moment her voice failed her. Mrs. Webb's voice had not returned one week later when interviewed at her home. She was being treated by her doctor for laryngitis. She could not bring herself to explain to the physician the cause of her voice loss for fear of him gaining the wrong impression.

Her husband explained to C.S.I. Director that his wife is not easily unnerved and he genuinely accepts her account of the experience. Mr. Webb explained that he is an above normal heavy sleeper who cannot be easily woken, especially at that early hour. Mrs. Webb's two young children did not waken during her experience and she did not waken them for reasons that are obvious.

C.S.I. Director made details known to Auckland's evening paper. The Press neither interviewed the lady or published any detail.

Oh, what is the cause of the daily presses long slumber in this field? Perhaps it is because they really believe these regular U.S.A.F. "No Saucer Statements" as is reproduced below. It was released this time a few days following the remarkable 29th September Maryland Nike base report. Here it is in brief:

### 21 REPORTS OF UFOs CAN'T BE EXPLAINED

8/10/58. WASHINGTON, Tues.—The U.S. Air Force chiefs have been unable to explain 21 reports of "flying saucers" made in the United States during the past year.

They list 84 per cent. of all such reported sightings as balloons,

planes, birds, hoaxes or other natural phenomena.

The Air Force investigators have completed an investigation of 1270 new reports of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) during the 13 months ended July 31, bringing to 6000 the number checked since June, 1958.

However, the editor of New York's "Journal American," which paper had only just published details of the Maryland incident, had the Air Force on about the latest official "explain away" release. "Journal American" reversed the above figures so as to read that only 21 cases of the 1,270 investigated had been explained.

Oh, there's an old saying: "You can fool some of the people some of the time . . ."

### NOVEMBER MEETING FINAL FOR YEAR

The final meeting for the year commenced at 8 p.m. sharp with a capacity house. The President thanked his staff for their assistance and members for their attendance to meetings throughout the year. The first half of the programme consisted of a tape presentation. Rienhold Schmidt, an American, told of his encounter on November 7th, 1957, with a strange oval shaped machine and its human crew. He also told (in testimonial) of the extraordinary treatment meted him following his claimed experience by service and public officials. Whether true or false, the magnetic taped record is an extraordinary testimonial to say the least.

The second half of the programme featured an illustrated slide address by your editor. The 85 ordinary and colour slides shown serve to reinforce and confirm the case for the objective reality of strange physical craft in our skies.

### FILM "UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS"

This 90-minute, factual, documentary is highly recommended to all interested in the mystery. It has been screening in New Zealand since October 4th, 1956. Here are screening places and dates for the near future:

December 30-31st, Oamaru; February 2, 3, 4, Otahuhu, Auckland; February 7, Ngauruawahia; March 13, 14, 16, Ellerslie, Auckland; March 17, 18, 19, Milford, Auckland; July 2, 3, Otaki; July 16, 17, Eltham, Taranaki.

### ADDRESSES TO OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

The President of C.S.I., Mr. H. H. Fulton, had every pleasure of addressing the following organizations of recent date upon receipt of invitations: 12/10/58, N.Z. Peoples University Association (Inc.), Auckland; 14/10/58, Hamilton Flying Saucer Research Society at Hamilton; 10/11/58, Auckland Roundtable Club. The addresses were enthusiastically received.



## TWO HUGE UFOs SIGHTED BY BALTIMORE ASTRONOMER

A dramatic sighting of two enormous UFOs, kept from the public for four years, has now been confirmed to NICAP by Dr. James C. Bartlett, Jr., noted Baltimore astronomer. Dr. Bartlett, a frequent contributor to astronomical journals and now a NICAP Special Adviser, kept silent about this and other UFO sightings for several years because he believed the objects to be secret U.S. developments.

Before these personal sightings, Dr. Bartlett was a complete skeptic, to the point of ridiculing anyone who believed in the reality of UFOs.

The sighting of the two large UFOs occurred at night at the end of September, 1953, while Dr. Bartlett was observing a transit of the star Fomalhaut. At first four large lights were seen by the naked eye and then immediately observed through 7-power binoculars.

"The lights moved slowly," states Dr. Bartlett. "They came from the noses of two enormous craft which more than filled the binoculars." The craft were quite low, apparently at about 3,000 feet altitude. A cabin was observed in the nose, and ports on the sides of the hulls in each craft, which were either cylindrical or cigar-shaped. A sound like a piston engine at great height emanated from the craft, but these were not airliners nor were they dirigibles.

"At the time I believed them to be a U.S. secret, and it was not until late in 1957 that I revealed the sighting to a group of Washington astronomers," says Dr. Bartlett. "I believed these were secret developments because they were apparently unmolested in the vicinity of, and over, many of our highly sensitive installations. Later I noticed an occurrence pattern that showed that these craft appeared on a worldwide basis—over Communist territory as well as over our own."

"During the Korean conflict both sides shot at one of these craft, and obviously each side thought them to be enemy machines. This clearly implied that they were of unknown origin."

During the 7-year period in which Dr. Bartlett changed from utter skepticism to public acceptance of UFO reality, he has made several sightings of UFOs. These occurred during his almost nightly observation of our moon, the planets, and distant stars, with the exception of a daylight sighting on August 5, 1952. On this date he was noting precision and highly controlled performance exhibited by these objects.

On the night of July 12, 1957, Dr. Bartlett made his latest sighting to date during an observation of Jupiter. This is the only sighting which occurred through a telescope. (Elsewhere in this issue Dr. Bartlett and Dr. Clyde Tombaugh disclose why it is almost impossible to track a UFO by telescope, especially with the giant telescopes used by today's observa-

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tories.) In a later issue we hope to give the technical details of the 1957 sighting, which impressed Dr. Bartlett even more than the two huge UFOs he saw in 1953.

It is significant that until he had first-hand knowledge of UFOs, Dr. Bartlett accepted the explanations publicized by Dr. Donald Menzel of Harvard. In his statement to NICAP, Dr. Bartlett says he now rejects these explanations as not applying to all sightings.

"My belief in UFOs is simply expressed," he says. "UFOs do exist. They are some type of mechanism, controlled craft, their origin unknown. Beyond this, I have no definite conclusion. It has not been scientifically proven that they are interplanetary. At the same time, it has not been scientifically proven that they are not. Such an explanation for them should be fully explored."

## SAUCERS AND TELESCOPES

For several years some opponents of UFO reality have tried to clinch the case with this statement:

"Not one UFO has ever been seen through the world's largest telescopes, which proves UFOs do not exist."

On July 29, 1952, Major General John A. Samford, director of Air Force Intelligence, stressed this as a vital point. Our observatories constantly watch the skies, said he, and their failure to sight any UFO for the long periods of time required to approach the Earth has caused the Air Force to have very little enthusiasm for the spaceship answer.

It is probably true that none of the great observatory telescopes have ever spotted a UFO except by accident—certainly a sighting has not been long enough for an accurate record. Here is the explanation given by Dr. Clyde W. Tombaugh, discoverer of the Planet Pluto.

Doctor Tombaugh's careful evaluation, which he wrote especially for NICAP is as follows:

The large telescopes cannot deal very successfully with rapidly moving UFOs. I doubt if there is a single professional astronomical telescope that has slewing (cq) rates of motion to keep up with an UFO. After all, they weigh many tons and it would be unsafe for the instrument to attempt a rapid acceleration in motion.

If there is such a telescope it would require the most skilful manipulation of a two-man team (one manning the finder and slewing (cq) with the control box) to get such an object into the small angular field of view of the large telescope.

If the latter could be attained, the image plane would have to be quickly located by racking the film holder outward by an inch or so (depending on the focal length of the telescope and the slant distance of the object, the latter of which is rapidly changing).

Most astronomical research is spectrographic. This would require interrupting some long exposure spectrogram, removing a 100lb. spectrograph, and attaching a direct image plane plate holder.

Most large telescopes peer out through a narrow opening in the dome, and the astronomers would be unable to see a UFO in some other part of the sky.

Large telescopes are not used in the daytime. It requires several minutes to even open the massive shutters of a large dome and even longer to revolve the dome opening to the proper position in the sky.

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## XMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We take this opportunity to thank all our associates here and abroad, and extend most hearty Xmas and New Year greetings. We thank you most sincerely for your association and valuable contributions throughout the year. Your letters are always most welcome, but alas we cannot always make a reply although all are deserving.

### Please Note:

C.S.I.'s postal address changes with effect from 1st January, 1959. The change is our box number only. You may now address all correspondence to C.S.I. (N.Z.), P.O. Box 13-072, Onehunga, S.E.5, Auckland, New Zealand. Our current Box Number is 72; both are acceptable to the Post Office until the effective date of the new numbers.



## GEORGE ADAMSKI'S NEW ZEALAND VISIT

C.S.I. has been informed by Mr. Henk J. Hinfelaar, N.Z. Representative for George Adamski, and head of the North Island N.Z. Adamski Correspondence Group, that Mr. Adamski is due to arrive in New Zealand by air on the 18th January to commence a lecture tour of N.Z. Newsletter No. 9 (November, '58) lists the following dates and places for George Adamski's appearances: Kaikohe, January 20th; Auckland, January 21st (Town Hall); Hamilton, January 22nd; Rotorua, January 26th; Napier, January 28th and 29th; Wellington, February 1st; Wanganui, February 2nd and 3rd; New Plymouth, February 5th; Auckland again, February 8th. South Island, 9th, 16th February; places not listed. All interested should immediately write, enclosing a return addressed foolscap envelope plus 6d in stamps to Box 7, Henderson, for

full details and/or copies of "A.C.G." bulletins.

Mr. Adamski is the first person to visit New Zealand who lays claim to have spoken to physical human beings from other worlds. No matter what your beliefs re these matters or Mr. Adamski's claims, all should take this opportunity to hear George Adamski first hand. All should then be in a better position to pass judgment. Mr. Adamski co-authored with Desmond Leslie "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and later authored a further book entitled "Inside the Spaceships."

There are an ever-increasing number throughout the world who are now claiming similiar experiences. Recently Dr. Hunt Williamson, head of the Dept. of Anthropology, San Francisco University and one who claims witness to Adamski's initial November 20th, 1952, alleged contact with a Venusian, was granted an audience with our Queen. Dr. Williamson was on a lecture tour in England to assist the launching of

his new book, "Secret Places of the Lion." The Countess of Mayo, a firm believer in the realness of flying saucers, had sponsored Dr. Williamson's lecture tour and arranged the audience with the Queen to tell Her Majesty all about his experiences with flying saucers and his other research interests. This was reported in the London "Daily Sketch," October 2nd.

Currently we understand the Adamski Correspondence Group and its branch representatives throughout N.Z. are hard at work preparing for the visit and finding funds to pay for tour expenses. If you wish to contribute, act right away.

C.S.I.(N.Z.) is taking no official part in the above visit. As an objective investigatory organization with no proofs either way of Adamski and such-like claims, we expect to be in the audience with wide open minds trying, like most other members of the public, to find something solid and factual sounding to hinge our belief or disbelief on.

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Wide-angle sky cameras have too short a focal length to yield enough scale. The best prospect is with an amateur's 6-inch reflecting telescope for a visual observation, and little hope of a photograph (with such a telescope).

Because of the difficulty of acquiring a UFO in the field of view, the best compromise would be a pair of binoculars of 6 to 10 power. Anything more than this requires a two-person team, one to man the finder and slew (cq) the telescope while the other looks through the telescope. Even then, the jerky motion is greatly magnified — resulting in a rather unsatisfactory view.

Material is being prepared for the next issue of "Space Probe" early in the New Year. Please renew your membership subs. if 12 months have expired since the issue date of your last renewal certificate. Keep your certificate handy at all times.

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